

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 189  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Bill F. Hyde.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Bill Hyde; and

WHEREAS, Bill Hyde was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, he was born and raised in the Copper Basin area, a mining community in the tri-state region of Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hyde was educated in the Copperhill area public schools and received his Master's Degree from the University of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, for twenty-five years Mr. Hyde worked at the Cities Service Company in Copperhill, where he was the specialist in financial and purchasing management and government affairs; and

WHEREAS, his expertise in understanding the laws that govern this industry so vital to our state's economy was recognized early, and in 1982, Mr. Hyde was named the Executive Director of the Tennessee Petroleum Council, a division of the American Petroleum Institute; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Executive Director, Mr. Hyde gained the respect and friendship of the members of the General Assembly through his forthright honesty and in-depth knowledge of his subject area; and

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WHEREAS, in 1989, these fine qualities were recognized by the directors of the American Petroleum Institute who named him Director of the Institute's Coastal and Southern Region; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement from the American Petroleum Institute in February, 1994, Bill returned to Tennessee where he continued working in his family business and in February, 1994, began working for the Tennessee Association of Business; and

WHEREAS, Bill Hyde was an active and devout member of the McCaysville First Baptist Church, where he taught a men's Bible class and was a former Sunday school director at McCaysville First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Bill Hyde leaves behind will be long remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Bill Hyde enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Pat, their three children, Pattie, Mickey and Bill, three grandchildren, Andy Lewis, Patrick Lewis and Carolyn Hyde; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Bill F. Hyde, remembering with admiration his exemplary character and many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Bill Hyde.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.